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1. LORD BRIDGES TOOK U, TODAY WITH THE DEPARTMENT STRONG
UK INTEREST IN APPROVAL SUBJECT CASE MAKING FOLLOWING

POINTS:

A) HMG CONCERN THAT AMERICAN AGREEMENT IN COCOM BEING
IMPEDED BY A U.S. POLICY DETERMINATION THREE YEARS AGO NOT
TO ,ROVIDE INERTIAL NAVIGATION SYSTEMS FOR SOVIET AIRCRAFT.

B) CASE CLEARLY REPRESENTS EFFORT AT IMPLEMENTATION BY
AEROFLOT OF ICAO RECOMMENDATIONS AND COCOM RESTRICTIONS
,ROVIDE FOR SUCH CIVIL USE.

C) HMG ARE SATISFIED ON THE STRATEGIC ASPECTS AND WOULD BE
GRATEFUL FOR ANY INFORMATION U.S. MAY HAVE TO THE CONTRARY.

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D) HMG WILLING TO ANSWER ANY FURTHER TECHNICAL QUESTIONS

AND ARE PREPARED TO HAVE MR. D. G. HARRIS, TECHNICAL
MANAGER OF INERTIAL NAVIGATION IN MARCONI/ELLIOTT, VISIT

WASHINGTON FOR DISCUSSION WITH U.S. EXPERTS IF THIS WOULD
BE HELPFUL, ANYTIME AFTER SEPTEMBER 12.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH POINT A BRIDGES EMPHASIZED HIS
INSTRUCTION FROM LONDON AND READ IT VERBATIM AS FOLLOWS:
"SHOULD THE INTERNAL STUDY THE ADMINISTRATION ARE CON-
DUCTING OF PRESENT AMERICAN POLICY ON EXPORT OF INERTIAL
NAVIGATION SYSTEMS NOT RECOMMEND LIBERALISATION, OFFICIALS
IN LONDON WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY TO BRITISH
MINISTERS THE ABSOLUTE BAN ON SUPPLY OF THIS EQUIPMENT TO
THE SOVIET UNION BECAUSE OF A US NATIONAL DECISION."

3. DEPARTMENT NOTED THAT A SERIES OF TECHNICAL QUESTIONS
HAD BEEN PASSED TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY LAST WEEK. WE
SAID THAT WE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THE EMBASSY TO ARRANGE
FOR A VISIT BY MR. HARRIS IF THIS SEEMED TO BE USEFUL IN
EXPEDITING U.S. CONSIDERATION OF THE CASE. ROBINSON

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